



# Village of Biscayne Park

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Alternate

Barbara Kuhl

## **PARKS AND PARKWAYS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**

**July 17, 2013 at 5:30 PM (note special time)  
Ed Burke Recreation Center  
11400 NE 9<sup>th</sup> Court**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – Meeting opened at 5:30 PM – Dan Keys, Robert Silverman, Randy Wagoner and Barbara Kuhl present. Kristen Montuori and John Zoeller - absent
2. AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS – none
3. PUBLIC COMMENT – none
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of May 16, 2012 July 18, 2012, August 29, 2012, September 19, 2012 are not available due to the failure of secretary's for those meeting failing to provide them. The minutes of March 20, 2013 and May 15, 2013 were approved unanimously.
5. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. **Village staff status report**

No official report was given by staff.

    - Barbra Kuhl reported that she was informed by the administration that tree trimming was about complete for this year, and that tree removal and stump removal would take place next.
    - Dan Keys reported that there was once again serious mole cricket damage on the athletic field and that he had reported it to the Manager who forwarded it to staff with instructions for them to be even more proactive in anticipating this type of insect activity so that treatment could be applied immediately at the first signs of infestation. This will avoid thousands of dollars of weed control and turf replacement costs.
    - The Board discussed the poor quality of tree trimming (in some cases) and noted that in many cases trees were over pruned by thinning the center of the trees and stripping off the branches along major limbs. This is an incorrect practice. Likewise, limbs that should have been removed completely as being redundant and in locations that would exacerbate the development of poor branch structure, were left intact and unnecessary resources were expended to trim them. The Board appreciates the progress

that was made this year in general, but implore the Village to improve on the practices that were implemented this year.

The Board discussed the fact that landscape related issues are generally not well managed (although there has been significant improvement) and the following motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously: **The Board is concerned with the lack of professional management in the Public Works Department, specifically in the area of landscape issues. The Board therefore recommends that professional management be hired for this purpose.**

B. **Entrance projects**

6 th Ave. Bridge Grant – no action or discussion.

Northern border - NE 10 Ave, NE 8th Ave. etc – no action or discussion.

C. **Plant identification markers for the Rec. Center**

Barbara Kuhl advised that she would take the lead in completing this project and the Board agreed that Barbara and Dan would meet for the purpose of creating the list of plants and completing the order for the tags and that a report would be made at the next meeting of the results. The Butterfly Park would also be included for tagging, as funds were available to do so.

D. **Tree removal list for medians** – The Board discussed the inadequate action by the Village with moving forward with the many recommendations that were made by the Board that trees and palms in conflict with newly planted trees be removed or relocated to more suitable locations. The results are that the conflicts have gotten worse and will cost more to resolve. The Board continues to urge such action.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Reference Barbara Watts' suggestion on the last commission meeting agenda to disband the P & P, Ecology & Recreation advisory board. The following motion was made: **The Board opposes the abolishment of the 3 Boards and the Board further recommends that the Village Commission pay more attention to the recommendations of the Boards and that they further give feedback on those recommendations.**

6. NEXT MEETING DATE – August 21, 2013

7. ADJOURNMENT